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Editorial Comment

ELECTORAL APATHY

It is easy to speak of landslides in national elections. Yet, as a matter of fact normal opinion in the nation is fairly evenly divided. The larger the vote, the better the chances of Democrats winning, so the party fares better in presidential elections when the voting is heavy.

In 1942, the Democrats lost a large number of contests by close votes. One more Democratic vote in every other precinct would have elected the Democratic candidate for Senator in Idaho. Eight more Democratic votes in every precinct would have elected the Democratic candidate for Senator in Michigan. And so on through the list: 18 additional votes per precinct would have given another Democratic Senator in West Virginia; 24 more per precinct the same in Illinois; 25 per precinct more in New Jersey, etc.

The liberal trend in the world has not abated. Recent elections in England showed gains for the majority Labor party. It would be so in the United States save for the temporary lack of virile leadership.

Apathy in "off-year elections" should not be credited with weight it doesn't carry.

CATCHING UP!

Can we say at long last that the manufacturers are catching up on back orders of machine parts? We here at the Times-Virginian feel definitely on the up-grade now. We received delivery this week of a tiny fifty cent machine spring we ordered the first week of October, 1945! Now we shall go about our mechanical chores with greater confidence!

ARE YOU INTERESTED!

This column is the proper place for a publisher to "talk with" his readers. And right now everyone in the printing and publishing business is labring under a strain for his sources of supply for all of the varied materials going into the production of his output, are most uncertain. We have now it harder to procure paper and prices have advanced alarmingly. How long this uncertain situation will continue we do not know. We are hopeful that supplies will soon be more plentiful; but we are not hopeful as to prices. We write this for the information of our readers because it is only a matter of time before newspaper rates must advance. Be it noted that the subscription price of this paper is the same now that it was in the depression years. We are one of the very, very few newspapers whose subscription rates have not already advanced. We are operating on a smaller margin of profit than ever in our history, in order to do our bit toward holding some semblance of a price line. It is only fair to us that our subscribers know this and appreciate why we insist on a strict "cash in advance" policy on subscriptions.

WITH OTHER EDITORS

THE MENTALLY ILL

From The Winchester Star

Among worthy measures which went through Congress at but unnoticed during the excitement of the closing weeks of the session was a bill, now signed by the President which provides for the building of a national mental health institute near Washington, its operation under the direction of the Public Service, and an appropriation of approximately $10,000,000 a year to finance research in hospitals and schools, and by private specialists.

The country has long known that approximately 6 per cent of the American people suffer from some kind of mental disturbance, that the nation spends $250,000,000 a year on the maintenance of hospitals for the mentally ill, and that only $2,500,000 a year is spent on getting at causes of mental and nervous disorders and seeking means of correcting them.

But it took the war's experience to bring about a broad and direct attack on the problem. Some 1,100,000 men were found by Selective Service to be disqualified for military service because of mental or nervous instability. Half of all disc[illegible] money paid to veterans for disability are going to men whose disabilities are largely mental or connected with nervous disorders.

The Senate committee report on the bill laid great stress on this disclosure to reach the conclusion that "research in the field of mental illness has up to the present time been utterly inadequate." The report swept away opposition to the bill. The law is now in effect. Its benefits will not be felt for some time, but its enactment can be counted today as one of the country's great advances in public health.

A MAN AND A FLAG

From Caroline Progress

Call our nation's flag "Old Glory" and you're guilty of an affectionate misnomer. There is only one "Old Glory," and that's a U. S. flag with 24 stars, now in the museum in Salem, Mass.

Right after Missouri was admitted to the union, friends gave Captain William Driver a flag for his brig, with a 24th star added for the new state. As he set sail, the Salem shipmaster hoisted the flag, and, inspired by its beauty, named it "Old Glory."

From that day on, he never called the standard by the word "flag" or anything except "Old Glory." Today everyone knows the phrase.

COAL, WAGES, POLITICS

From The New York Times

To appreciate just how extraordinary are the recent developments in the coal wage controversy, it is necessary to recall what the Government did five months ago. A nation-wide coal strike had slowed down the wheels of industry everywhere. The strike continued because its leader, John L. Lewis, refused to accept as sufficient settlement even the 18½-cent-an-hour wage increase that the Administration had virtually forced employers to offer in previous cases and in this one. Thereupon the Administration stepped in, seized the mines, and itself proceeded to grant wage increases, royalty payments and other benefits to the union not only higher than the operators felt that they could afford but much higher even than the Government's own "wage line."

The terms granted to Mr. Lewis were so drastic that the operators were not sure they wanted their properties back under those conditions. Until now the properties have remained in the hands of the Government, thus setting the precedent for a sort of back-door socialism, a nationalization by inadvertence. This Government operation, in conjunction with an election, set the stage for what Mr. Lewis recognized as an opportunity to exact still further demands. While the contract was still running he insisted that it be further revised in favor of his union, hinting that otherwise he would call a strike just before election. When Secretary Krug, who had drafted the original Government contract with him, replied that there was nothing to discuss, President Truman intervened to assure the country that there would be no strike. Mr. Krug then agreed that the matter was discussable.

Even before the conference took place, Captain Collisson, the Government's Coal Mines Administrator, paid the union something on account by announcing that retroactive vacation pay would go to miners for the period from June 1, 1945, to May 22, 1943, regardless of whether they were employed in a mine when the Government took the properties over. It has still not been established whether this will be paid from the public treasury or whether the operators will have to take over the debt.

Clearly the Administration has not yet learned that it buys a score of future strikes for every present strike that it "settles" in this way. It has not yet learned that a continuous policy of yielding to such threats merely causes a constant increase in such threats and a constant increase in the price demanded for settlement. It does not seem to know that it is about to set a precedent in the coal fields for still another general round of wage demands, more strikes and wage increases. It is giving a perfect demonstration of what might have been suspected in advance - that when the Government takes over directly the settlement of wage disputes, the decisions made are based not on economic but on political considerations.

BACK HOME AGAIN By Ed Dodd

Fears Housing May Get Worse

Not Until Turn of Year Will Demand Begin to Level Off, Says Wyatt.

WASHINGTON. — The housing shortage will get worse, not better, this winter, warns Housing Expediter Wilson W. Wyatt. He said 287,110 houses of all kinds had been completed so far this year. He hopes thousands more will be ready before winter.

In a monthly report he added: "Constantly rising demand at present more than offsets the additional accommodations . . . and not until after the turn of the year will the demand begin to level off."

The price tags on new G.I. houses were too high for the average veteran, Wyatt declared. He asserted that at the end of July half of the G.I. houses planned were to sell for $7,500 or more. Another obstacle in the government's plans to have 1,200,000 veteran houses and apartments started in 1946 was a labor shortage.

Meanwhile W. A. Bryant, chief of the civilian production administration's consumer durable goods division, said a veteran who succeeded in buying one of Wyatt's houses might have trouble furnishing it. Bryant said hardwood production had doubled, a fact now showing up at furniture factories. But demand is two to three times greater than in 1941, he said, declaring that all wood furniture would probably be short for another year or two. He said that upholstered furniture was in somewhat better supply.

60,000 Homes Finished.

Wyatt's report said that of the 227,000 new dwellings completed through July, only 194,200 were permanent houses and apartment units. The rest were trailers, conversions of existing buildings, or surplus war housing put to re-use.

Only about 60,000 of the individual permanent homes started in 1946 have been finished, which means that a majority of the dwellings begun under veterans' housing priority are standing in various stages of completion.

From 85 to 90 per cent of all new dwellings completed under the national housing program this year are actually occupied by veterans, Wyatt said. The type of homes that veterans are getting, he added, appear to be "of better quality than those erected in the building boom of the 1920's." He declared that recent criticisms of the structures had proved justified in only a few cases.

Wyatt announced also that Secretary of the Treasury John Snyder had approved a new tax policy to stimulate the building of rental housing projects for moderate income veterans. Builders and owners of such projects will be allowed to show faster depreciation for income tax purposes in the first years after completion of the project. Heretofore the depreciation write-off has been equal year by year.

Labor Trouble Spreads.

The labor problem showed up in "a large number of communities," Wyatt said, especially in such skilled trades as bricklaying and carpentering. Instead of a movement of labor into residential work, the trend has been the other way—85,000 new workers went into nonhousing construction in July, against 22,000 into home building, the NHA chief said. This trend, he added, "reflects the high level of commercial and industrial building."

Production of scarce building materials has been rising steadily. But not rapidly enough to meet demand. In July lumber output hit a new 1946 high, brick production topped all records since December, 1941, and gypsum products attained a postwar high.

Current shortages, however, tend to center in plumbing, hardware and other finishing items which are needed in the latter stages of home construction. Builders therefore are reluctant to start a home, because they are uncertain whether they will be able to finish it for sale even when the main construction job is done.

Uncle Sam Says

Millions of my nieces and nephews have gone through the experience of signing on the dotted line for something or other. In fact, signing on the dotted line is as American as the Army-Navy football game. This month your Uncle Sam is Salesman Uncle Sam asking you to scrawl your name on this payroll savings car[illegible]re you work. You will note i[illegible]s "Sign Up for Security!" It means exactly what it says. It will authorize your employer to save the amount you specify from your pay every payday for investment in U. S. Savings Bonds.

Sign up for security today. Then buy your extra Savings Bond.

U. S. Treasury Department

TAKE MY WORD FOR IT!

By FRANK COLBY

Bell Syndicate.—WNU Features.

WHAT IS THE ORIGIN?

San Francisco: A friend of mine in Europe who teaches English has asked me to explain what American means by the term "cute." Can you tell me, and also give its origin?—K. D. A.

Answer: First of all, the origin of cute is rather surprising. It is the word "acute" worn to wear off. Cute is not listed in Noah Webster's original American Dictionary. But "cute is mentioned in DeVere's "Americanisms" (1872) as being "almost a word of its own, being stronger in its peculiar meaning than the fuller form, and almost exclusively applied to Yankees."

H. L. Mencken (The American Language) states that cute was "already secure in revolutionary days."

At first, cute meant, "having nice or quick sensibility." It next came to mean "sharp-witted; clever." Then it took on the meaning: "Attractive by reason of daintiness or picturesqueness in manners or appearance, as a child or a small animal."—Merriam Webster's.

But nowadays, cute is an adjective used almost exclusively by small children and women. It is an omnibus word of approval and often sentiment, but its exact meaning is beyond my poor power of definition. The American woman buys a cute hat, goes with a cute man to a cute night club where she eats a cute tossed-up salad, watches a cute floor show with a cute master of ceremonies who says the cutest things. They drive home in her cute date's cute coupe, and when they arrive at her cute apartment house, she kisses him goodnight, saying coyly, "Gee, you're cu-u-te! (pronounced: kee-YOOT)."

It is as indefinable a word as the feminine adjective "little"—a little hat, a little girl friend, a little blouse, a little nightie. No American woman, however oversized, ever bought a new dress that wasn't "little." And when she tells you, "I saw the cutest little bag today in Blank's window," she probably is describing a cavernous carryall that, when crammed with whatever it is that such things are meant to hold, would break the back of a hod carrier.

(Now, now, ladies, don't start lecturing me about men's pockets. I know; I know.)

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A reader from Columbus, Ohio, submits this loony logic from an article on psychology by one Dr. G. C. M., who observes: "Lots of married men and women are very childish—one reason why some of them are still single."

DAILY FORTUNE FINDER

To learn your "Fortune" for today from the stars, write in the letters of the alphabet corresponding to the numerals on the line of the astrological period in which you were born. You will find it fun.

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"GAY GADGETS"

Associated Newspapers—WNU Features.

By NANCY PEPPER

CATCHING CODES

Don't wait for the next issue of your high school paper to latch on to who's going steady with whom. Just learn to read the hi-signs and you'll be a vacuum cleaner. (That, junior, is a gal who picks up all the dirt.)

Money Talks—If she wears a penny in the slot of her moccasin, she's an Orphan Annie. If she wears a nickle, she's found her target and is taking aim. A dime means she's shot him down in flames and a quarter means she's Engaged! Could this be inflation?

Color Cues—In some towns the wolves and witches are wearing colored poker chips in their moccasins and, unless you're color blind, you know all about their heart troubles at a glance. White means "just looking." Blue means "I have him (or her) selected." Red means "they're a Onsey-Twosey."

Knots to You—Look closely at his, or her, stocking cap. (Everybody's wearing one, now that school has started.) If it's knotted in the middle (never mind the mustard on top), you'll know that the wearer is already a Prisoner of Love.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

You amble past the corner drug store,
Unhurried, calm—as is your won't;
You're angry when the Old Wolves Whistle —
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Well, as one dog who was frothing at the mouth said to another dog who was frothing at the mouth, "I challenge you to a Drool."

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Why did the Morons put their heads in the oven?

So they could have Baked Beans.

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TRIXIE TEEN SAYS—

Better slow down on those Banana Splits and double Malteds, there are dangerous curves ahead Junior. How do you shape up in the latest dance frocks? And how do you look in this season's slim patry dresses, not to speak of your school clothes? It's time to face the facts and flatten the figure. It's time to be back in Style-Bodied and Grable-Bodied—GRABLE that is.

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President Truman took no part in pre-election campaigns.

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IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lessons

By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D.D., Of The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. Released by Western Newspaper Union.

Lesson for November 10

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PAUL FOUNDS THE CHURCH AT PHILIPPI

LESSON TEXT — Acts 16:9-15; 40; 17:1-3.

MEMORY SELECTION — I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.—Philippians 4:13.

Missionary zeal keeps a church in action for God. After a time the church in Antioch, the one to preach the gospel sent Paul on his second missionary journey. This time his partner was Silas instead of Barnabas had gone over taking Mark along. Mark had turned back in the middle of the first missionary journey. This took his place (Acts 15:36-40).

Our lesson is of unusual interest because it tells us how the gospel first came to Europe, from which it later came to America. Paul's efforts to continue his missionary work in Asia were hindered by the Holy Spirit (Acts 16:6, 7). It was while in that he was given a heavenly vision of a man in Macedonia calling for help. At once he set out to obey the leading of the Holy Spirit (Acts 16:9, 10).

I. Paul's Ministry in the Power of the Spirit Plans (Acts 16:11-18).

Although after Lydia's conversion Paul met opposition and suffered imprisonment (Acts 16:19-40), his work was only the beginning of the ministry there.

The church at Philippi was made up largely of poor and persecuted people. They were not wealthy, but they were generous gift to Paul when he was in prison in Rome. He wrote to them a letter of love and his letter became a source of joy and encouragement to Christians ever since. Experience, purpose and power are the keynotes of this pattern, purpose and power in the Christian life.

Chapter 2 presents the pattern of Christ as the pattern of Christian living. Nothing is impossible for the man who is filled with the Spirit of Christ, who has given up his glory with God, who has become one with God, who has well been called the "Man of Sorrows." Having done so, we should not be amazed at his glory, for it has never have been glimpsed.

He who might have been equal with God (Phil. 2:6, R. V.) has equality with God. Having set aside that status as a man, he died for the salvation of the world (v. 8).

Little wonder that God has highly exalted him such a high position (vv. 9-11). One day every tongue shall confess Jesus as Lord. Hasten the day!

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Pamplin

Pamplin, Nov. 4— Misses Elizabeth and Anne Terry attended the football game in Richmond Saturday.

Week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Terry were Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Terry, of Critz, Va. and H. T. Terry, Jr., of the University of Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Mann, of Richmond were week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Mann.

Miss Merle Davis, of Richmond, was the week-end guest of her mother, Mrs. N. A. Davis.

Mrs. N. S. Topping, who has been a patient in Southside Hospital, is now at the home of her sister, Mrs. C. C. Rosser.

Dr. and Mrs. C. H. McCall and Nancy Jane Hall and Peggy Mann were visitors of Mrs. S. P. Loving, of Drakes Branch Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Norris Beale and family, of Lynchburg were week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beale.

Rev. A. J. Ponton, of Lynchburg was a guest in the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. H. McCall Monday.

Miss Sadie Wooten spent last week-end at her home in Burkeville.

Mrs. Joe F. Epperson and daughters, Betty and Brenda recently visited relatives in Bristol, Tenn.

Japan Will Distribute Relief Shipped From U. S.

TOKYO.—Allied headquarters directed the Japanese government to take responsibility for handling relief supplies shipped her by United States organizations for distribution among Japanese needy. Headquarters has approved entry into Japan of 2,000 tons of such supplies each month. The Japanese government will be held accountable for loss or theft.

Gets No Milk of Kindness From Police Department

MILWAUKEE. — Never call the police department if you expect sympathy.

After a terrific thundershower had caused a power failure here a woman called headquarters to complain that she was unable to milk 24 head of cattle with her milking machine. The desk man told her:

"Lady, I guess you'll have to do what you did before you had that machine."

New Air Torpedo With Rocket Engine Announced

SHARON, PA. — Rocket power, which scientists harnessed to propel planes and projectiles through the air, has been adapted for use under the sea, Westinghouse Electric corporation announced with approval of the army air forces.

A new aerial torpedo—called the hydro-bomb — uses the thrust of burning, expanding gases to propel itself through water instead of air and can stand the shock of being dropped 600 feet or more from a plane flying 200 miles per hour, R. L. Snyder, a company engineering manager, said.

The engine of the hydro-bomb, he explained, is a large pipe packed with solid fuel which, when burning, creates expanding gases that are expelled through a nozzle. When the torpedo hits the water, the impact throws a switch that ignites the rocket motor's solid fuel. Electrical controls with a gyroscope keep the bomb on its path and special controls regulate its underwater depth.

Medicine and Surgery Casualties in Germany

BOSTON.—German medicine and surgery were a wartime casualty, according to Col. Robert M. Zollinger of the United States army medical corps.

Writing in the New England Journal of Medicine, the colonel said:

"It is now apparent that the myth of German superiority in the medical profession is as much a fallacy as it was found to be in other forms of German endeavor.

"Although the basic principles of good surgery appeared to be thoroughly understood, it was evident that many practices were years behind the times.

"Penicillin had never been made available.

"There was no evidence of the use of plasma or any type of amino-acid preparations for the intravenous therapy of malnutrition.

"Transfusion was largely affected by an antiquated direct method."

Cripple's Crutches Are Stolen From Him in Park

CINCINNATI.—Willard Bruce, 34, Spartansburg, S. C., must believe that the cruelest person in the world lives in Cincinnati.

Bruce stopped for a nap in a Cincinnati park recently because walking on crutches for a one-legged man gets pretty tiresome. When he awoke, his crutches were gone.

But Cincinnati police hurriedly replaced them for Bruce, who said he had no funds to buy a new set.

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GEORGE: "How many folks are there like that, Judge?"

OLD JUDGE: "Well, according to scientific research, 95% of the people who drink drink sensibly. 5% do so unwisely, at times. Included in that 5% is the small percentage of the sick people I'm talking about."

GEORGE: "That certainly gives me a clearer picture. It's the most sensible approach I've ever heard on the subject."

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